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SUBJECT: TOGOLESE VIEWS ON SITUATION IN NORTHEAST AFRICA

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1. I PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO RANGE OF ISSUES RAISED IN REFTTEL, PARTICULARLY TOGOLESE PERCEPTION U.S.-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONSHIP. MEETING, HOWEVER, WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL END OF OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL PROBABLY BE PROLONGED UNTIL FEBRUARY 28. FOLLOWING INTERIM RESPONSE IS BASED ON EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING OF DETERMINANTS OF GOT FOREIGN POLICY.

2. GOT WILL LOOK ON SUDANESE EFFORTS TO HAVE OAU HEADQUARTERS MOVE OUT OF ADDIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAND HEADQUARTERS FOR TOGO. GOT HAS LONG PUSHED LOME AS CONFERENCE SITE AND SEAT FOR
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FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED GOT HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO LOBBY FRIENDLY FRANCOPHONES IN FAVOR OF SUDANESE INITIATIVE AND CHOICE OF LOME AS ALTERNATIVE.

3. BECAUSE OF GOT'S INTEREST IN REOPENING QUESTION OF FORMER BRITISH TOGOLAND NOW INCORPORATED INTO GHANA, GOT CAN BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT ANY MOVE WHICH WEAKENS OAU TRADITIONAL POSITION THAT

FRONTIERS INHERITED FROM COLONIAL TIMES SHOULD BE BE QUESTIONED.
FOR THIS REASON, BOTH SOMALI IRREDENTIST CLAIMS ON ETHIOPIA
AND ERITREAN CAUSE MAY ELICIT GOT'S SYMPATHY. ETHIOPIA'S
SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY AND CONTINUING INSTABILITY MAY BE USED AS
ARGUMENTS BY GOT AS IT PRESSES ITS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ARE NOT
BASIC REASO FOR GOT POLICY.
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